Bones 3 (3-bike)

Model # 801 - owner's manual

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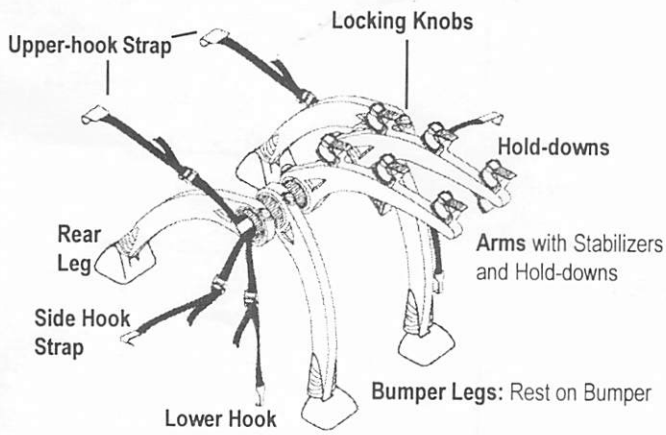
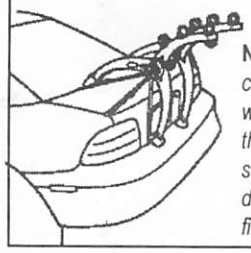
Chances are, your bikes are just like ours - your most valued possessions. And if it has the Saris name on it, nothing we build goes out the door unless it's worth putting those possessions on. Call it obsessive. Call it eccentric. We just chalk it up to caring a hell of a lot about creating the last rack you'll ever need.



CAUTION

Bones is a bumper-supported bike rack. Be sure to check Saris Fit Guide before installing rack on vehicle.



NOTE: *Before installing carrier, clean all surfaces of vehicle which may come in contact with the carrier or its straps. Make sure foot pads are free of any debris that could scratch vehicle's finish.*

1 ADJUST CARRIER TO VEHICLE:

- To adjust rear legs, loosen knobs, remove from end of cylinder and reposition (**A**).
- To adjust arms, loosen knobs, slide to center of aluminum cylinder and rotate (**B**).**NOTE:** *It is not necessary to move bumper legs, as the bones rack is pre-assembled to fit a majority of vehicles and bicycles. However, it offers the flexibility of a wider arm or base spread if necessary. To do so, remove rear legs, bumper legs, and arms and reposition symmetrically as desired. For questions, see a local Saris dealer or call 1-800-783-7257* (**C**).

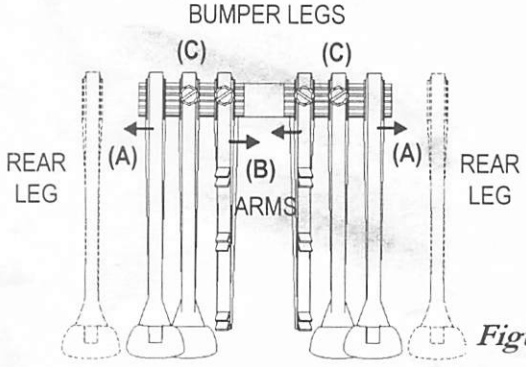
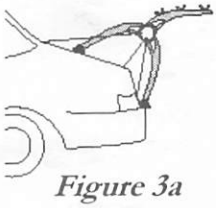


Figure 2

- Following the illustration that most resembles the rear of your vehicle, adjust **arm** and **rear leg** to position carrier.
- Retighten knobs. **Do not overtighten knobs.**



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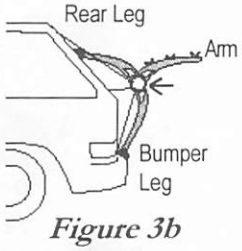

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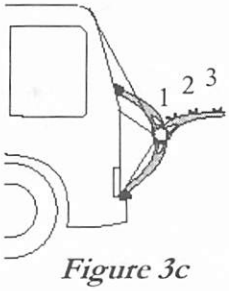
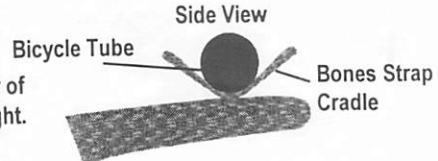


Figure 3c

NOTE: *To keep legs/feet firmly against glass of square back vehicles, lean carrier slightly farther away from vehicle.*

It is important that the tip of the arms (3rd position) are at the highest point , as shown in Figure 3c. If you do not follow these instructions, you run the risk of breaking the arm.

The bicycle tube must be in the center of the bones strap cradle as shown at right.



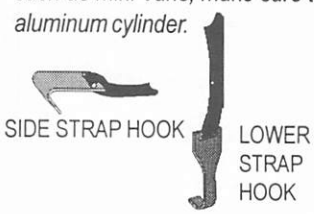
2 ATTACH STRAPS:

- Attach Upper Hook straps to top hinge line of vehicle as shown in Fig. 4

Figure 4

NOTE: *Upper Hook attachment must be to a supported hinge line - NEVER hook to glass, unsupported plastic, or roof rack.*

- Attach lower hook straps to bottom edge of trunk at position C2; and side hook straps to the side at position C1 or above bend in trunk at position C3 *(Fig. 5)*. **NOTE:** *For square back vehicles such as mini-vans, make sure the side straps are in-line with aluminum cylinder.*



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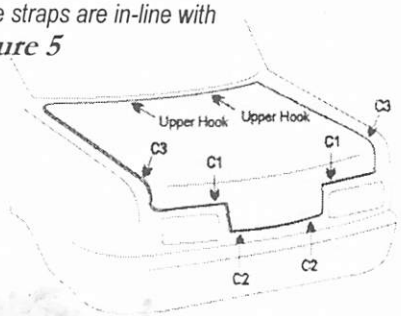
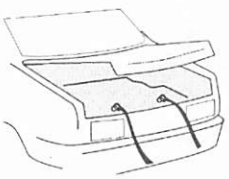


Lower strap hook special application:

ONLY IF SPECIFIED IN CURRENT FIT CHART

Some vehicles require placing the lower strap hook completely inside the trunk. To do so, loosen lower strap, place hook inside trunk, close trunk, pull strap until hook braces against trunk wall, and tighten as usual *(Fig. 6)*.

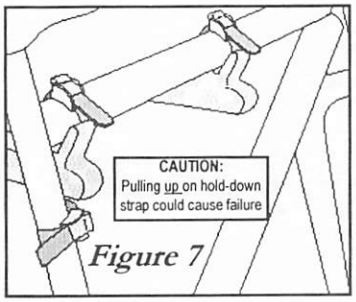
Figure 6



- Tighten all straps evenly, removing any slack. When straps are taut, shake carrier to check for any movement. Retighten if necessary.

3 LOAD AND SECURE BIKES:

- Place bikes on carrier arms in bike supports, alternating direction of handlebars. Pull hold-down strap snug against **bike tube**. Rest **seat tube** against stabilizer and pull strap around tube as shown in *Fig. 7*.
- If pedal touches vehicle, rotate arms up.
- To release hold-down straps, follow *Fig. 8*.
- Women's frames can be mounted as shown in *Fig. 9*.



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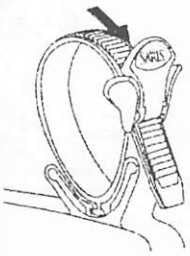

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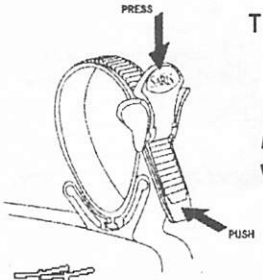

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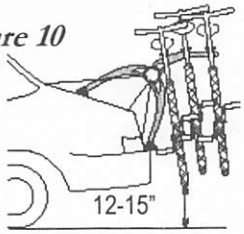


- Check clearance. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure the necessary clearance (dependent on vehicle, load, driving territory, etc.) is given from load to ground. Generally, 12-15" is adequate (*Fig. 10*). If necessary, rotate arms up until at least 12-15" of clearance is achieved.

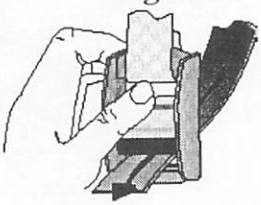
4 FINAL ADJUSTMENT

- Retighten mounting straps with bicycles on carrier, then tie off (Fig 11).
- In unique cases, the stabilizer strap will not be long enough to secure the seat tube. If this occurs, please call Saris at 1-800-783-7257 for an additional stabilizer strap #12398.

Figure 11

Tie off all straps.

Figure 12



Rethreading Straps

5 CHECK STRAPS &STABILITY

While in use, recheck your installation

- During first use check after 30 minutes or 30 miles.
- Thereafter, check every 200 miles.
- Check more frequently on bumpy roads.
- If bicycles shift or move, check IMMEDIATELY.

Be sure all straps are taut and knotted firmly against buckles.

CAUTIONS:

1) All requirements for compatability/fit as stated in the current Saris vehicle/carrier compatability guide must be followed. (Available at any Saris dealer). If your vehicle is not listed or you have any questions, please call our customer service at 800-783-7257.
2) Bones is a bumper-supported bike rack. Bumper legs must rest on bumper.
3) Bones is not intended for use with tandem or recumbent bicycles.
4) Read and follow instructions carefully. Save owner's manual for future reference or parts information.
5) Replace any mounting strap at the first sign of wear. Replacement parts are available through your local Saris dealer or call 1-800-783-7257.
6) Upper-hook straps must be parallel with the rear leg to prevent shifting.
7) Make sure bike tires are not directly behind exhaust pipe.
8) Never place more than three bicycles (maximum weight 105 lbs) on carrier. Secure properly and adjust for even load distribution.
9) Do not mount to any type of trailer.
10) No part of carrier, including straps, should ever come in contact with spoiler.
11) Do not open rear deck (trunk) with carrier installed.
12) This carrier is not recommended for off-road use or for use at speed exceeding 65 mph.
13) Remove carrier from vehicle when not in use.
14) When cleaning rack, use only water soluble cleaners. Do not take rack through car wash.
15) Rear window wipers may not be usable while carrier is attached to vehicle.
16) It's the end users responsibility to ensure that use of this product meets all local and state laws.
17) To prevent potential damage, secure the front tires of bicycles (part number 3033 recommended).

WARNING AND DISCLAIMER:

This carrier has been designed to carry bicycles on specific vehicles. Before installation, user must read and follow current Saris Fit Guide (available through Saris dealer) recommendations and enclosed instructions. Fit recommendations are based on vehicle's standard features; optional features may affect the fit recommendations. User must attach carrier correctly to the vehicle, check its attachment before each use, and inspect carrier parts for wear. Carrier's attachment to the vehicle is critical and beyond the control of the manufacturer. Manufacturer and seller expressly disclaim any and all liability for personal injury, property damage or loss, whether direct, indirect, or incidental, resulting from the incorrect attachment, improper use, inadequate maintenance, or neglect of this carrier.

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Saris Cycling Group, Inc. ("Saris") warrants that your Saris product will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for as long as you own the product. This warranty only extends to the original consumer buyer. This warranty does not apply to parts that have worn out through normal use or been damaged through misuse, abuse, neglect, accident or unauthorized modifications. **ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES WHICH THE BUYER MAY HAVE ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE TIME THAT THE ORIGINAL CONSUMER BUYER OWNS THE PRODUCT. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.** At its option, Saris will repair or replace, or refund the purchase price of, any Saris product which is defective or fails to conform with this warranty under normal use and service. To obtain service under this warranty, return the defective Saris Product or part, freight prepaid, to Saris at the address below. Please contact our customer service department prior to return to get a return authorization number. Repair or replacement of a defective Saris product or refund of the purchase price, shall be the sole remedy of the buyer under this warranty, and **in no event shall Saris be liable for incidental or consequential damages, losses or expenses.** Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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